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SYSTEM WITH COMPACT
STORAGE OF THE TRAY

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Drawings

Please replace FIGURE 2 with amended FIGURE 2.

In the Specification

In accordance with 35 C.F.R. § 1.121, please substitute for the Abstract of the Disclosure the following rewritten versions of the text, as amended:

A dish drainer and tray system providing reduced space requirements for packaging, shipping, display and storage. The tray may be compacted into storage size which allows it to fit in the drainer, thereby allowing the drainer rather than the combination to determine the space requirements. In one embodiment, the tray folds about one or more live hinges, and in a second embodiment the tray rolls and includes a closure to maintain it in the rolled position. A particularly preferred embodiment includes a detachable silverware compartment

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